



Farmville, Prince Edward (Formerly Amelia) County, Virginia
Birthplace of Samuel David Dunavant

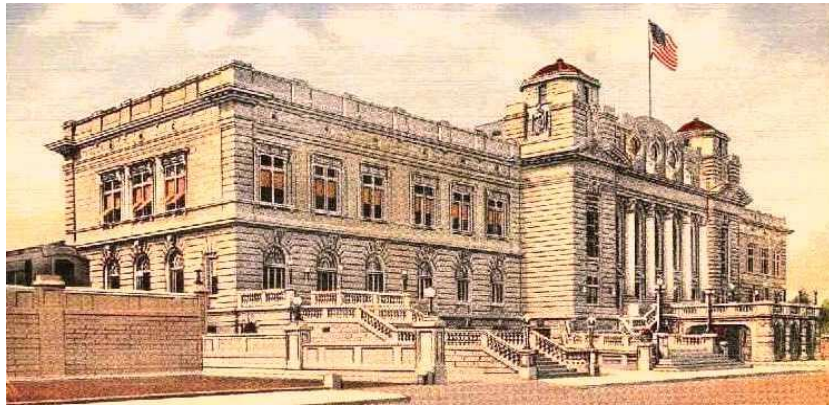


Morganton, Burke County, North Carolina
Home of Samuel David Dunavant and Virginia Corpening Dunavant

Railroad Builders: The DUNAVANT FAMILY of VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA and TENNESSEE
- And Families Related By Marriage -

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By 1858, the Dunavant family had begun building Southern railroads. They migrated from Southside Virginia to Western NC and Memphis, TN, adding to those regions new railroads, hotels, golf clubs, dams and tunnels. During their 70 years of building, the Dunavants were among the largest railroad contractors in the South. In Western NC, they contributed substantially to the development of Morganton, Charlotte, Statesville, Asheville, and Blowing Rock. In Memphis, TN, the Dunavants built the world's largest privately owned cotton company. (Shown here are four railroad stations that were located in the Dunavants' hometowns.)



Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee
Home of William Pemberton Dunavant and Elizabeth Frances Anderson



Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
Home of Henry Jackson Dunavant and Louise Wert Dunavant